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Dear Josh,

Thanks very much for the cordial confirmation of your invitation to visit. February 18 is fine for me and I look forward eagerly to being with you and my other Stanford friends. About the seminar, there is this to be said: I expect, well before then, to get a paper on my current work into PNAS. I know this doesn't mean it will be read, but it does raise the question of whether it is fitting to give a seminar that would be largely repetition of a published paper. I hope I shall have by February more than will be in the PNAS paper; but one can't count on what hasn't yet happened. It would be fine for me if I could get at Stanford comments, criticisms and suggestions. The chance for that is perhaps best after an oral presentation--even if it is largely a rehash of a publication. But I leave the decision to you. I could of course let you know a month in advance whether I have made substantial progress beyond the published account.

In a short note yesterday from Norm Horowitz, he told me a bit about his current involvement in Viking. What a privilege it will be to hear yours first hand! The whole thing is just marvellous.

As ever,



T. M. Sonneborn

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